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Docket No.: WIBL-P01-563 (PATENT)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sklar, et al.

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For: BDNF POLYMORPHISM AND

ASSOCIATION WITH BIPOLAR DISORDER

## **AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.



## Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER WIBL-P01-563 Application No. Filing Date Examiner Art Unit 1634 February 15, 2002 J. E. Souaya 10/077,171 Applicant(s): Sklar, et al. Invention: BDNF POLYMORPHISM AND ASSOCIATION WITH BIPOLAR DISORDER TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Remaining Number Number After Previously **Extra Claims** Rate Amendment Paid Present **Total Claims** 23 0.00 13 Х Independent 2 0 0.00 6 Х **Claims** Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): Extension for response within second month 420.00 420.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: x Large Entity **Small Entity** No additional fee is required for this amendment. 420.00 18-1945 x Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. 18-1945 x | The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: April 13, 2004 Xugiong Wu Attorney Reg. No.: **ROPES & GRAY LLP** One International Place Boston, Massachusetts 02110-2624 (617) 951-7000 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EL953955605US, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below. Signature: Maura A. Pallagha Maura A. Gallagher)